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PATENT APPLICATION

Appl. No. : 10/071,143
Applicant : Volker Rheinberger et al
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Group Art Unit : 1734
Examiner : Brenda A. Lamb
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the office action of October 5, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Description begin on the following page entitled Amendments to the Description.

Remarks/Arguments begin on the following page entitled Remarks/Arguments.